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## Letter from Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, to Sarah Whitney, 1885 September 18

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At any rate I should like some  
seed. & another year we can raise  
them under glass - if we can raise  
the glass first. Supposing the wind  
to be in the ascendant before that.

With love to you & love to  
mother & the household at large  
Yours Aff. A

Friday P.M.

1) My dear Sarah

[Melbourne, Sept. 18, 1885]

I hope you  
had independence & decision  
enough to take your holiday  
without apologizing to Julia for  
doing so. & that you stayed  
you & I dined with Kate &  
spent last night at 92 with  
Adeline. I shall be glad at  
last to get some word from  
that nebulous spot.

Abby has told you as far as  
she knows about affairs here. I  
will add as briefly as possible  
now. That the Youth Green refuses  
to keep to his contract. Having been  
brought up on farming, I suppose  
his appetite in that direction is  
sated. But I see signs of a  
change here that promises more  
to me than a change of tenants. The  
feeling is much better - all goes



well. & I think if the present  
incumbents should find themselves  
existed next spring they would  
feel very sorry. In fact as  
the farm improves their spirit's  
rise. & they understand me  
better. Whitman will do better  
I think as he gets more reasonable  
& appreciative. His wife always does  
as well. & the greater importance  
of her part of the work & our  
comfort here must weigh against  
(not absolute but) some delinquency  
on his. The whole place has  
swung upward in these last 2 years  
notwithstanding pig-weed which I  
see in other folks lands to some  
degree. & which Abby puts in the  
same category with original sin.

I shall be very glad to  
see you & Carry or Ed at home here.  
Perhaps Howard I don't know where  
the other day. But - yes - you are  
right - it would be simply devil in

me to ask any one to leave me from  
London. Must we be escorted all  
the time? Will some one invent a  
machine to save company?

I will send this now. This  
afternoon with other letters. You  
will see by it that I am well &  
you have any skill in deduction.  
This is the 9th day of fine weather.  
At this present. ~~Coming warm again.~~  
So that it seems as if there were  
deposits <sup>where</sup> of heat & cold are stored  
(among these hills) & now one is opened  
& now another - but there has been  
no frost & no dryness to do any harm.  
I am glad you are having such a  
good time with the Cantaloupes - Can't  
you roll some of them up here?